THE LOST **KEY**

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

John Brown, sexton of Trinity church, was about to go to bed, when, looking at a hook on which the keys of the church were wont to hang, he noticed that the bunch did not look so large as asual. Going to the hook, he took down the keys and found the one to the vestry door missing.

The sexton asked his wife if she had taken the key, and she said she had not. Had it been stolen?

But what object any one could have to steal the vestry door key was a mystery. There was nothing of value to a thief in either the vestry or the church. The plate was not kept there. Hymn and prayer books there were in plenty and cushions to the seats, but these were scarcely attractive to a rob-

So reasoning, the sexton went to bed and to sleep, thinking that some one had taken the key for an ordinary purpose and forgotten to put it back in its place. The clock on the church tower was striking 12 when Mrs. Brown

awakened her husband, "There's a light in the church, John,"

Brown bestirred himself and, looking out through a window, true enough, saw a dim light, not in the church, but in the vestry. Thinking that, after all, there might be thieves at work, he dressed himself and started for the church. While dressing and on his way he thought what he should do on his arrival and concluded to be guided by circumstances.

On reaching the vestry he stood on tiptoe beside a window and was thus enabled to look inside. The light within was so dim that he could not see very well, but he managed to make out a man and a woman. They were sitting together, and the man was talking earnestly to the woman, who seem-

While John was looking at them he some one entered the vestry door. As soon as the person was in the vestry John saw that he was a man in the vestments of the Episcopal church. He approached the couple, and John saw that they were talking together, though the two men were talking alternately to the woman, who said nothing. From the manner of all of them it appeared to Brown that they were using persuasion upon the woman. She seemed very young, about twenty years of age. Finally the man who had been sitting with ber, rising, took her hand and gently pulled her out of her chair. With evident reluctance she stood beside him, and the man in canonicals began to read from a prayer book,

"This is a marriage," said John to himself, "quite likely a clandestine one. Any way I don't like it that the rector should be beaten out of his fees in this way. I'll happen in and investigate."

So John went to the vestry door and knocked. Not hearing an immediate reply, he opened the door and entered. All three of the persons within stared turning to do so. "I'm looking," said John, "for the

rector of the church. "There's a man dyin' and wants him at once." "I'm the rector," said the clergyman.

"As soon as I have married this couple I'll go with you." "I thought Dr. Brook was the rector

here," said John.

"I am Dr. Brook." "You Dr. Brook! Not a bit of it. I've heard Dr. Brook preach many a

time. I know him well." "What's that?" said the woman, starting. "Isn't this Dr. Brook?" "No, miss. Dr. Brook is an older

and a larger man than this gentleman." "Ob, Henry," she exclaimed reproachfully, turning to the man beside her, "you have deceived me!"

"Who are you, and why do you come here at this time of night?" said Henry to the sexton angrily.

"Well, seein' as there's no use in makin' any further pretense, I'm the sexton of this church, and I come here to find out what was goin' on in the vestry. I missed the key and suspected somethin' was wrong. Just now my wife saw a light here, so I tumbled out o' bed, and here I am."

At this the woman turned to the man she called Henry and, white with anger, said:

"You villain! You contemptible dog! This explains your story of your parents' objection to your marrying me. This is why you must marry me clandestinely, is it? Don't ever let me see your cowardly face again!"

The man tried to calm her; but, paying no attention to him, she stalked out of the vestry and disappeared in the darkness. Henry made a lunge at the sexton, but the old man was spry enough to get out of the way, and Henry rushed from the vestry, followed by the man in canonicals.

Brown found the missing key in the vestry door, and, locking up, he went home and to bed.

The next morning when he was at work in the church the lady of the evening before entered. The first John knew of her presence he felt her arms about his neck. When the embrace was over she told him her story, which differed but little from such cases. She was a girl without fortune, and the man she was to have married was a rich man's son. The man in canoniculs was a fake clergyman. She admitted that John had saved her from a terrible fate, but she was unable to reward him.

However, when the congregation of the church heard of John's good work they made up a handsome purse for

A little girl was visiting the sea side for the first time, and her father took her to bathe in the ocean. Nothing more and you need never be troubled by danextensive than the bath-tub at home druff again. Faded, dull or lifeless hair had been her experience

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AMERICAN WOMAN REBUILDING VILLAGE RUINED BY GERMANS

Mrs. Wm. Crocker of San Francisco Has Taken Vitriment in Lorraine Under

Her Especial Care, Having · First Disarmed Suspicion of the Residents.

-American sympathy with the civil- venes:, ian sufferers from the war has been giv- throughout the nation. French fighting lines.

When Mrs. William Crocker of San Francisco chose Vitrimont in which to with her own means one of the villages destroyed by the German troops in their first rush into France, she met with much doubt and suspicion. The people heard a step not far from him, and of Lorraine are practical and hard-headed, and also object to partaking of anything given in the form of charity. It was, therefore, necessary to make the proposition a purely business-like one before laying it before the villagers.

All the men of fighting age are at the

the same corps that somebody was real- the continuing resolution. ly taking interest in them and they would not merely have to be content with the government indemnity of 60 DIVORCE CASE per cent. of their losses, Miss Daisy Polk, also a Californian and now administrator of the plan, gave printed plans and details of the scheme to the wives left documentary evidenc of this kind of the good fortune to be conferred on them and their dependents.

Miss Polk, who since the beginning of the war has been occupied in relief work of various kinds, was chosen by Mrs. Crocker to administer her benevolent scheme. She decided at once to live among the people so as to become better acquainted with them and to learn their needs. Every house, without exception, had been either shelled or burnt. She, however, was able to find a one-roomed cottage which could be repaired, and here from her single room Miss Polk directs all the work. She interviews there the architect, the builders, the departmental officials and government functionaries, and only recently received Ambassador William G. Sharp, who had come to lay the corner-stone of the first new house. Of the 70 houses composing the village, 34 were shelled and the remaining 36 burned. The government itself decided to repair the bombarded houses, which were not so badly damaged as those which had been set afire. The reconstruction of these latter was undertaken by Mrs. Crocker.

No attempt was made by the authors f the scheme to force American ideas McCanna at her home. down the throats of the conservative Lorrainers. Very little change had taken place in the village since the 15th century, and the style of architecture was very uniform, usually taking the shape of one or two-story cottages, with grangdoor entrances and attached at the back the granaries and cattlesheds. The only changes insisted on by the promoters of the scheme, as well as by the French government, were the introduction of sanitary arrangements, which hitherto had been non-existent, the provision of ventilation in the rooms and the separation by an intervening courtvard of the cattlesheds and the human habitations. It was with difficulty that the peashese changes, but at length reason prevailed and the plans were finally drawn

streets and the main road through it is to be planted with trees, while the town hall and school are now to occupy promment and spacious positions in the center of the village, instead of being hidden as before the war in narrow lanes with-

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WARNING

Will Retaliate if Postal Bill Is Killed by Congress

TO BREAK BACK OF LIQUOR TRADE

And Statutory Prohibition Would Be Weapon Used

Washington, Feb. 28.-Threats by liq-

nor leader in Congress to kill the en-

tire postal appropriation bill because of its anti-liquor advertising provision, resulted in the formal announcement yesterday by the board of temperance of R.F.D. No. 5, Fulton, N. Y. the Methodist Episcopal church, that, if necessary, it would see to it that every voter in the districts of the men responsible for the defeat of the bill was informed of "his representative's dishonor," "What is more," said Rev. Clarence True Wilson, D. D., general secretary of the board, "if the postal bill dies, the next Congress will witness a vigor-Vitrimont, near Luneville, France, Feb. ous fight, from the very first day it con for statutory prohibition out the nation. If we get a more concrete expression in this little square deal we will wait, for prohibivillage than in any other part of the dev- tion by the route of the constitution, "He Broke Up My Home," Cries the astated country immediately behind the but if not, we will break the back of the liquor trade first and get a constitutional amendment afterwards. There is absolutely no ground for the assumption carry out her idea of reconstructing that statutory prohibition would not stand in the courts."

MAY YET KILL DRY BILL.

Prohibition Leaders in Congress Alarmed by Rumor.

Washington, Feb. 28.-Prohibition leaders in Congress were up in arms Monday night over a report that the conferees on the postoffice appropriation front with their regiments. One of the bill were preparing to let the measure villagers while in the trenches one day fall in order to kill the Reed "bone dry" received from his wife a letter giving amendment prohibiting the shipment of details of reconstruction. He immediate- liquor into dry states. Representative ly replied: "Don't waste ink in telling Randall of California declared he had me fairy tales. You are ready to swal- definite information that such a course low any yarn told you. Just make up had been planned. He and other prohiyour mind as I have done that we have bition champions said if the conferees lost everything, and don't dream that reported a disagreement, and a resolugood fairies are going to restore all to tion continuing the present postoffice appropriations were brought in they LADIES! SECRET TO In order to convince this man and would see to it that the Reed amend many of his village neighbors serving in ment went to the White House with

STIRS BOSTON'S BACK BAY

Boston, Feb. 28.-A stir was caused in society and political circles yesterday when it leaked out that Albert E. Pills former attorney-general, bury, brought suit for divorce against Mrs. Elizabeth Pillsbury, his second wife, who is more than thirty years his junior. Mrs. Pillsbury, one of the most popular of the younger matrons in Back

Bay society, has filed a cross libel, charg-

ing the former attorney-general with cruel and abusive treatment. Mr. Pillsbury names John E. McCanna, a real estate broker, as corespondent. McCanna is the husband of Marion St. Clair Whittemore, the Wellesley college graduate of Chestnut hill, who eloped with James V. Dignowity, son of a multi-millionaire miner of Philadelphia, from whom she was divorced in 1910. He has since married Grace

Newell Strong, daughter of Dr. George W. Strong of New York. McCanna is said to have become ac quainted with Mrs. Pillsbury at the Brookline Country club and she is alleged by her husband to have entertained

Mr. Pillsbury is 68 years of age, and his wife is 37. He was 61 when his first child by his second wife was born.

An Interesting Illusion. A curious and interesting effect may be produced in the following simple

Take a sheet of paper or thin cardboard about five inches square and roll it into a tube, with one end just large enough to fit around the eye and the other end somewhat smaller Hold the tube between the thumb and first finger of the right hand-do not grasp the tube with the whole hand-and place the larger end of the tube close against the right eye. With the left hand place a book against the side of The new village is to have wider the tube. If both eyes are now kept open there will appear to be a hole through the book, and it will appear that objects are seen through this bole and not through the tube. The effect is even more odd if the left hand instead of a book is held against the tube, when the hole will appear

> Tembstone to a Fish. In the little village of Biockley, in

through the center of the hand.

South Worcestershire, stands a picturesque tittle dwelling named Fish Cottage. Enter its garden and you will find what is probably the only tombstone ever erected to the memory of a fish. The inscription, with its quaint punctuation, reads as follows:

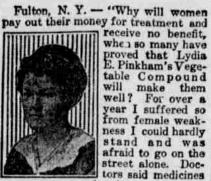
IN MEMORY OF THE OLD FISH. Under the soil, the old fish, do, lie. Twenty years, he, lived and then, did, die He was so tame, you, understand He would, come and est, out, of, our hand. Died April the 20th, 1885. Aged 20 years.

-London Tit-Bits.

White men should exhibit the same Insensibility to moral tortures that red men do to physical torments.-The-

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YOUNG WIFE SHOOTS

Woman as She Fires at Youth.

Providence, R. L. Feb. 28 .- Amerigo E. Soriero was shot in the leg yesterday morning in Judge Barrows' room in the superior court by Mary Guggliucci. The shooting took place immediately following the completion of the testimony of her husband, John Guggliucci, who was testifying in an equity suit over a mort The accused woman gage foreclosure. was grasped by sheriffs and the smoking revolver taken from her grasp. To effect the shooting she was forced to stard and fire over the heads of attorneys and a handwriting expert. In doing this her aim was poor and resulted in the bullet taking a downward course entering the man's leg. The injury was not serious, The woman said Soriero had broken up

DARKEN GRAY HAIR

Bring Back Its Color and Luster with Grandma's Sage Tea Recipe

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea, with sulphur and alcohol addto the men at the front, who could be assured only by documentary evidence.

Albert E. Pillsbury Seeks a Separation ed, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant. Mixing the sage tea and sulphur recip at home, though, is troublesome. easier way is to get the ready-to-use preparation, improved by the addition of other ingredients, costing about 50 cents a large bottle, at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound,"

thus avoiding a lot of muss. While gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair. taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray hairs have disappeared After another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant, and you appear years younger. Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is a delightful toilet requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease,-Adv.

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Topics of the Home and Household.

To Clean Mattress-A thin paste of cold starch is fine to take stains out of a mattress. Apply the starch to all the brush. If stains remain repeat the process until they disappear.-Woman's World.

Several hundred women marched in a parade of 1,100 residents of West Manhester, N. H., Saturday to present a demand to the mayor for another bridge across the Merrimac river. The demand for the bridge was made by a committee headed by two factory girls, representing the large number of this class who are obliged to walk three miles extra to and from their work because of inadequate bridge facilities. The mayor addressed the crowd, but put the responsibility up to the legislature and said he could do nothing.

Making Sandwiches.

Each season brings its new crop of raried sandwich fillings, and it is a good dea to jot down as one hears about them and then after a trial specialize on those that are found to be the best. Remember that in sandwich making the and that butter should be softened with a little whipped cream and warm enough spread on the slices without breaking Brown bread, whole wheat and with the cheese mixtures.

Sandwiches keep much better if they are wrapped before putting into the hamper in linen cloths that have been wrung MAN IN COURTROOM out in cold water. Cutting them in fancy shapes is hardly advisable, as says the Irish World. Toothache is a they do not pack so well, and if they warning that either the crown or the are left square and the crusts cut off root of the tooth is partly or wholly they are just as dainty for the outdoor decayed, that the gum has receded so as

Care of the Teeth.

"What a beautiful woman!" exclaimed man at a popular play the other evening, referring to a particularly pret-ty girl who held the centre of the stage

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at that moment. She was a beauty. Soft hair of a dark hue which grew in pretty waves about her face, large eyes in which the brilliant blue of a summer's sky seemed to be reflected, a delicate nose, a firm but full mouth, all did their share toward making the tout ensemble one worth contemplating.

Just then the girl opened her mouth to utter her lines and to smile sweetly upon the young fellow who was playing the part of her sweetheart. With the stains, dry and scrub off with a stiff opening of her mouth the illusion of brush. If stains remain repeat the prorow of teeth, the onlooker beheld a dark, uneven, mass which destroyed the beauty of not only the mouth but the entire

Slighted by nature in her youth by the appearance of uneven teeth, which crowded one another in a mouth too small to hold them all, the girl (or rather her parents) had neglected these unattractive prongs and allowed them to decay and to grow on in their crook ed way. A little precaution then would have saved the girl endless embarrassment in later life, would have resulted in white, strong teeth, strengthened by art, if not by nature. But all this had been neglected, and the girl was doomed to go through life with a dark discolored mass which robbed her of her beauty.

cause of good health, should every wom- little by little into the mouth. The an (and man too, for the matter of whole system becomes slowly poisoned, that) see that her or his teeth are in the general health suffers, indigestion perfect condition. If you have the slight- sets in and sometimes very serious conest suspicion of toothache, consult a sequences occur from neglecting the dentist immediately. Toothache may teeth. A good dentist may be expensive, bread is better when it is a day old arise from a number of causes, every one of which requires an expert's aid. It is a very short sighted policy to doc- tion than to pay high doctor's bills for tor one's teeth at home, to apply one serious illness. remedy after another to subdue the pain, raisin loaves make a variety in them- and as soon as it has been alleviated to selves, while the rye is always good forget all about the cause of the ache See a doctor and let him work the only permanent cure for toothache-that is let him remove the cause. All of the conditions that give rise to

toothache are a serious menace to health. to expose the soft dentine at the neck of the tooth, or that the membrane covering the outer surfaces of the root is inflamed. Toothache is a warning that one of these conditions is present, and if attended to in time will certainly be a means of avoiding graver conse-

When the enamel of the tooth becomes broken, the bone decays in all directions until the pulp or nerve of the tooth be-comes affected. Often a very small orifice in the enamel, which is hardly noticeable, may lead to the decay of the whole interior of the tooth. And this condition may not be suspected until the erown happens to be chipped or broken. Hence, if the teeth are sensitive to cold or to the touch, or if they ache or "grumble" more or less from time to time, a dentist should be consulted without deOFFICE WORKERS **FACTORY WORKERS** and others who labor indoors

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lay so that the cavity may be filled before the nerve becomes affected. Otherwise the root of the tooth may decay and form ulcers, which will work their way through the bones of the jaw Not only for beauty's sake, but in the and the gums and discharge their poison but it is far less expensive in the long run to keep one's teeth in good condi-

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